

Further Directions relating to Tryals.

Be it therefore Enacted and Declared, That where Copies of Declarations are served, or left according to the Directions of the said Act, and no sufficient Cause shewn for an Imparance, and that the Defendant should plead a Matter of Fact, which is required to be done at the Appearance-court; that then, and in such Case, the Fact shall be tryed at the First Assizes that shall happen after the Appearance-court, in the County where the Fact hath arisen, or shall arise; except where it shall be found Necessary to change the Venue: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That any Action now depending in the Provincial-court, may be continued, if Need be, until October Court Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Five; without being affected by the Act limiting the Continuance of Actions.

Instead of six'd Times for the sitting of the Provincial-Court, the Justices may adjourn to any Time they think proper.

And whereas by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the Counties where they arise*, it is particularly declared, That the Provincial-Courts shall be held on the Third Tuesdays in May and October Yearly, which being a Time that now does, and hereafter may interfere with the Sitting of Assemblies;

Be it therefore Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Provincial Court, as often as they shall have special Occasion for so doing, to adjourn the said Provincial Court from the Days aforesaid, to any other convenient Time, as to them shall seem meet: Any Act to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Duration.

This Act to continue so long as the Act for Trying Matters of Fact in several Counties where they have arisen and shall arise. See Act made 11th July 1732 & 21st March 1735.

An A C T reviving and continuing the A C T for Limitation of Officers Fees, and for supplying some Defects therein, and for Amendment thereof in some Particulars, and restraining some ill Practices of Sheriffs.

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BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Act of Assembly made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty Third Day of September Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Three, entituled, *An Act reviving and continuing an Act entituled, An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees, and for supplying some Defects therein*, be and is hereby revived and continued to be and remain in Force from and after the Twenty Fifth Day of December next, for and until the Twenty Fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Five, and no longer.

A former Act revived.

To prevent Sheriffs oppressing the Poor,

And for that several Complaints have been made to this Assembly, That several Sheriffs, meerly to increase Fees to themselves, have executed several Persons for Publick and County-Levies and Officers Fees, and charged Execution-Fees thereon, when they might have received their Dues without such Execution; altho' they have and are allowed a large Commission for collecting the same: And for that the Power of Execution ought not to be used in Oppression of the People, but only to enable